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**Health Care Quality and Cost Council
Patient Safety Committee**

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 28, 2008

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

One Ashburton Place

10th floor, HRD Video Conference Room

Boston, MA

Council Members Present: Beth Capstick (Chair), JudyAnn Bigby, James Conway,
Katharine London.

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm

I. Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting January 16, 2008

The Committee approved Minutes of its January 16, 2008 meeting.

II. Finalize committee recommendations to eliminate hospital acquired infections, eliminate serious adverse events as defined by the National Quality Foundation, and improve patient safety overall.

- The Committee discussed and reviewed the updated draft recommendations to eliminate hospital acquired infections, eliminate serious adverse events, as defined by the national quality foundation, and improve patient safety overall. The revised draft was re-organized to separate out recommendations to improve patient safety from recommendations to measure improvements.
- The Committee discussed specifically identifying key constituents and their responsibilities in association with the recommendations. The Committee also discussed deadlines for certain recommendations, and future steps for the Council with respect to Patient Safety.
- The Committee asked that Katharine London make the final edits and prepare the document for submission to the Council.

III. Discussion of estimated cost of implementation, potential savings, potential benefit to the population, effect on racial and ethnic disparities, and methods of tracking progress.

- The Committee discussed the estimated cost of implementing the recommendations, the potential savings and benefits and recommended that more discussion around these topics take place in the presence of the full Council.
- The Committee agreed that expert feedback and collaboration be explored in building a consensus on how the Council should look at cost, savings and benefits associated with the patient safety recommendations and other recommendations being made by the other Committees.

Meeting Adjourned 5:00pm